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Good morning Senator Coleman, Representative Tong and distinguished members of the Judiciary Committee. For the record, my name is Natasha Pierre and I am the Victim Advocate for the State of Connecticut. Thank you for the opportunity to provide testimony concerning:

**Senate Bill No. 349, An Act Concerning the Privacy of a Minor**

Currently, recordings or images captured by a police officer using body-worn recording equipment of an incident involving a victim of domestic or sexual abuse, homicide, suicide or accidental death are exempt from disclosure under the Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) if disclosure could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of personal privacy. The existing law strikes a fair balance of protecting a victim's privacy and the public's right to know under FOIA.

Senate Bill No. 349 would expand these privacy protections to minors. Additionally, the bill may have the added benefit of encouraging minors to cooperate in the investigation and prosecution of crimes, while protecting them from the harm that may otherwise result.

The Office of the Victim Advocate fully supports Senate Bill No. 349 which will undoubtedly provide meaningful protections to minors and urges the Committee's favorable report. Thank you for consideration of my testimony.